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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of encoding and correlating data, classified in class 705, subclass 28. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as receiving project information from an architect.
- II. Claims 8-10, drawn to a method of encoding by a parts management system, classified in class 705, subclass 51. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as encoding data into a plurality of alphanumeric characters.
- III. Claims 11-16, drawn to a method of decrypting and correlating data, classified in class 705, subclass 28. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as decrypting data.
- IV. Claims 17-20, drawn to a method of bidding, classified in class 705, subclass 37. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as bidding on projects.
- V. Claims 21-27, drawn to a method of encrypting and correlating data, classified in class 705, subclass 28. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as user interaction through a representative.

- VI. Claims 28-32, drawn to a method of encoding and correlating data, classified in class 705, subclass 28. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as storing a fourth part number.
- VII. Claims 33-36, drawn to a system for utilizing a parts management system, classified in class 705, subclass 28. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as a second instruction configured to receive a project identifier.
- VIII. Claims 37-41, drawn to a system for utilizing a parts management system, classified in class 705, subclass 28. This invention is distinct from the others because it provides separate utility, such as a first instruction configured to receive a manufacturer name.

All the inventions are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. Each of the inventions has separate utility as listed above. See MPEP § 806.05(d). Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given and the search required for each group is not required for the other groups, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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A telephone call was made to David N. Weiss on 12/1/2005 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Misiaszek whose telephone number is (571) 272-6961. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on (571) 272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Michael A. Misiaszek
Patent Examiner
12/1/2005


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